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METHODS OF USE

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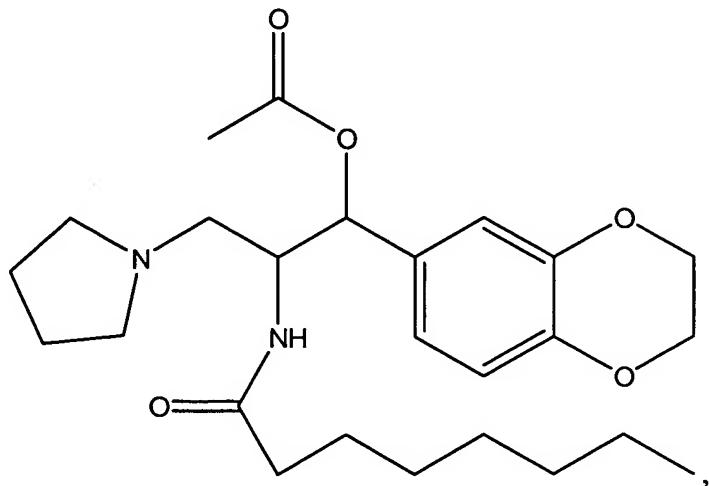
This Paper is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 16, 2005. A two month extension of time in which to respond to the Restriction Requirement is requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the extension fee are enclosed herein.

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated May 16, 2005, claims of Group I (Claims 1-5, 12-17, 24, and 25) drawn to compounds are elected for prosecution. Applicant reserves the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions. Applicant does not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected inventions.

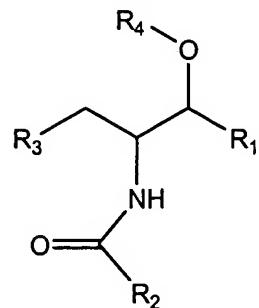
Applicant respectfully notes that Claim 18 appears in both Groups I and II as defined by the Restriction Requirement. Because Claim 18 is a method claim and Group I is defined by the Restriction Requirement as drawn to compounds, it would appear that the Examiner intended Claim 18 to be in Group II and not Group I. Applicant respectfully request a clarification.

Restriction Requirement

Responsive to the requirement for an election of species for searching purposes, Applicant hereby elects as the species the following compound:



which is encompassed within the generic structure in Claim 1:



Claims readable on the elected species are claims 1, 2, 3 and 5. Applicant reserves the right to request rejoinder of the other groups, once the claims of Group I have been found to be allowable.